(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how many households in Begusarai and adjoining areas have converted their dry latrines into pour flush latrines during the last three years under the scheme and what is the target for 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme (ILCSS) for liberation of scavengers is being implemented by the Government. It provides for Central assistance for conversion of dry latrines into pour flush latrines with the objective of elimination of manual scavenging.

(c) So far, 9 schemes for conversion/ construction of 101729 pour flush latrines at a project cost of Rs. 26.07 crores have been sanctioned in Bihar. These schemes cover Naugachia, Mehijam, Revilganj, Masaurhi, Banmankhi Thakurganj, Giridh, Dehri, Jamui and Mahanar towns. However, no scheme has specifically been sanctioned for the town of Begusarai by HUDCO.

Rural Sanitation Programme in Bihar

1471. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Centrally sponsored rural sanitation programme is being implemented in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any strategy has been outlined for this purpose; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction of individual sanitary latrines for households below the poverty line, construction of exclusive village sanitary complexes for women, intensive campagin for awareness generation and health education for creating felt need for personal, household and environmental sanitation facilities, etc. are some of the components of the programme.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Strategies outlined are:—

(i) To provide subsidy to the poorer among the households below the poverty line.

(ii) To encourage other households to buy the facilities through markets, including sanitary marts.

(iii) To launch intensive campagin in selected areas and to support such campaigns with infrastructural facilities to establish individual sanitary latrines, wherever possible.

(iv) To establish sanitary complexes exclusively for women, wherever necessary.

(v) To encourage locally suitable and acceptable models of latrines.

नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में गरीबी और बेरोजगारी निराकरण कार्यक्रम

1472. **श्री इकबाल सिंह:** क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार ने देश में गरीबी और बेरोजगारी की समस्या को हल करने के लिए नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में किन-किन प्रमुख कार्यक्रमों को अंतिम रूप दिया है; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या आवश्यक कार्यवाही की जा रही है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र के० अलघ) (क) और (ख) सरकार नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना को तैयार करने की प्रक्रिया में है, नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में स्व-रोजगार और सहायक मजदूरी रोजगार कार्यक्रमों के चुने गए स्थानीय निकायों के माध्यम से लोगों की बढ़ी हुई भागीदारी सहित जारी रहने की संभावना है, सात मूलभूत न्यूनतम

सेवा कार्यक्रम जो समयवद्ध पद्धति से पूरे कवरेज के लिए पहचान किया गया है, को नौवी योजना में उच्च प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी।

Know-how in Space Research to Middle-East Countries

1473. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the Middle-East Countries have approached Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for providing technical know-how in the field of space research;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken by ISRO to capture the World Space Research market, especially in the third world countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Department of Space has set up a company — Antrix Corporation Limited, specifically for the marketing of Indian space products and services and Antrix has been actively pursuing the space market in the third world countries, through responding to tenders, undertaking publicity exercises, as well as inviting the concerned agencies for visits and discussions in India to apprise them of our capabilities. In this process, Antrix has already secured some contracts from a few developing countries.

Rayalty on Crude Oil and Natural Gas

1474. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for fixing the rate of royalty on crude oil and natural Gas;

(b) when the rate of royalty on crude oil was revised last, alongwith the rates thereof; and

(c) by when the rate of royalty is likely to be revised further;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Royalty on crude oil and natural gas in governed by the provisions of the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) act, 1948 and the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959.

(b) The rate of royalty on crude oil was last revised to Rs. 481 per metric tonne in February, 1993.

(c) The royalty will be revised after the well-head price w.e.f. 1993 is fixed.

Subsidy on Petroleum Products and oil Pool Account Deficit

1475. SHRI O.P. KOHLI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidy on petroleum products during the current financial year is going to cross Rs. 18,000 crores;

(b) whether the oil pool account deficit would reach unmanageable proportion at Rs. 15,500 crores and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the country is faced with rise in deficit in oil pool account, in spite of recent heavy increase effected in the prices of petroleum products, and

(d) how Government propose to tackle this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) The subsidy on petroleum products during 1996-97 is estimated at Rs. 18,440 Crores.